



Portfolio Division Update

Accountability Committee Meeting

December 18th, 2018

Notices of Non-Compliance, Level 2



Edgar P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy

Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Board Composition Letter Date: 08/01/18	Past Due August 15, 2018
Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Financial Management Letter Date: 06/22/18	Past Due (Partial Submissions made to Forensic Auditor)
Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Financial Management Letter Date: 02/23/18	Past Due (Partial Submissions made to Forensic Auditor)

Robert R. Moton Charter School

Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Special Education (Tier 3 Intervention Status) Letter Date: 04/16/18	OPEN November 30, 2018
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Notices of Non-Compliance, Level 2

Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: LDOE Corrective Action Plan (CAP) per SPLC Letter Dates: 07/31/2018 and 08/01/2018	OPEN
Joseph S. Clark	TBD
Einstein Charter Middle School	TBD
ENCORE	TBD
Edgar P. Harney	TBD
James M. Singleton	TBD
Langston Hughes	TBD
Livingston Collegiate	TBD
Warren Easton	TBD

Einstein Charter Schools

Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Transportation Settlement Date: 04/19/2018	OPEN Conclusion of 2018-2019 SY
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Notices of Non-Compliance, Level 2



Resolved Notices of Non-Compliance, Level 2

James M. Singleton
Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Special Education

Resolved
November 20, 2018



School Performance Oversight: *Engagement with Struggling Schools*

Charter School Accountability Framework (D Schools)



- ▶ Prioritized the school for annual site visits;
- ▶ Conversation with the CMO/School Leader and Board Chair



Conversation with CMO/School Leader and Board Chair:

School Name	Annual Site Visit	Leadership Conversations
ARISE Academy	10.1.2018	Completed 10.1.2018
KIPP Leadership	11.14.2018	Completed 11.26.18
Fannie C. Williams	10.16.2018	Completed 11.27.18
Pierre A. Capdau	10.30.2018	Completed 11.27.18
Walter C. Cohen High School and Crocker College Prep	11.8.2018 11.15.2018	Completed 11.27.18
Mary D. Coghill	10.18.2018	Completed 11.28.18
ReNEW Sci Tech, Schaumburg, and Dolores T. Aaron	11.2.2018 10.29.2018 09.12.2018	Completed 11.28.18
Einstein Village D'Lest and Sherwood Forest	12.5.2018 11.28.2018	Completed 11.28.18
Homer Plessy	11.8.2018	Completed 11.28.18

The elements of each call consisted of the following:

1. Communicating the CSAF Requirement for D Schools and Potential Next Steps
2. School and Board Response to SPS Score
3. Areas of Growth & Support
4. Additional Questions and Concerns

Charter School Accountability Framework (F Schools)



- ▶ Superintendent did not recommend these schools for revocation at this time given their SPS Letter Grade of an "F".
- ▶ Superintendent conducted a visit to each "F" school.
- ▶ Superintendent met with each CMO/School Leader and Board Chair.
- ▶ Each CMO/School Leader will submit a one-page summary of the conversation outlining their plan for improvement by December 21, 2018.

Conversation with CMO/School Leader, Board Chair and School Visit:



School Name	Update
Robert R. Moton	Completed 11.26.18
L.B. Landry-O.P. Walker	Completed 12.3.18
Joseph A. Craig	Completed 12.6.18
James Singleton	Completed 12.10.18

Each school received communication that the Superintendent would not consider revocation at this time, however, the following would occur:

1. Board Chair and CMO/School Leader Conversation with Superintendent
2. School Visit by Superintendent



Edgar P. Harney
Spirit of Excellence

Status



- ▶ Per our last board meeting we started revocation meetings at Edgar P. Harney (11/26, 12/5)
- ▶ On December 7th The Spirit of Excellence Board voted to surrender their charter
- ▶ On December 12th we received an official notification from the Spirit of Excellence Board
- ▶ OPSB is currently positioned to assume the direct operations of the school post January break.
- ▶ We met with families and current staff on December 13th

Forensic Financial Audit



- ▶ Postlethwaite & Netterville (P&N) was engaged to perform an independent review of areas of financial concern.
 - ▶ Personnel Contracts
 - ▶ Cash
 - ▶ Credit Card Use

Personnel Contracts



- ▶ No evidence of board approval for contracts with the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) and Board Secretary (except in Fiscal 17). Contracts did not have a detailed scope. Harney's policy dictates contracts above \$10K be Board approved.
- ▶ No evidence of board approval for CFO's contract at \$75.00 per hour, the contract purpose and start and end dates.
- ▶ No evidence was provided for the CAO and Board Secretary on Payroll Registers or 1099s.
- ▶ The CFO received both 1099 compensation and W-2 wages.
- ▶ Independent Consulting Agreement provided for Fiscal 15, 16 and 17 reflect CAO as the signature line title. Fiscal 15 indicates CAO was crossed out and replaced with handwritten "Board Secretary". The address listed for the Board Secretary is the same as the individual contracted as the CAO in Fiscal 15.

Cash



- ▶ All bank statements were addressed to 1829 Carondelet St., New Orleans, LA 70130, which is not the school address.
- ▶ Many "Insufficient Funds" charges were incurred because the Operating and Payroll bank accounts did not have sufficient funds.

Credit Card Use



- ▶ \$2,994 was charged to the credit card during Fiscal 16 and 17 for restaurant charges including Ruth's Chris, Le Pavillon and Houston's with little documentation of attendees and in some cases no documentation of attendees or the purpose of the meeting.
- ▶ Receipts were only provided for eighteen of the twenty-seven transactions.
- ▶ The Harney Credit Card Form was only used for one of these twenty-seven transactions.
- ▶ Average total meal receipt was \$111.
- ▶ \$4,620 was charged for computer and technology supplies with limited explanation for purpose and/or approval.



Next Steps for McDonogh 35

Engagement



Groups	Types of engagement
Families	Meeting with potential operators Update meeting Feedback meetings Letters
Staff	Staff meetings Office Hours Letters
Students	Meeting with potential operators Feedback meeting
Alumni	Monthly meetings with elected board

Engagement



- ▶ In addition to stakeholder meetings we engaged the Urban League to do a series of stakeholder meetings for the future of 35 in June. They had over 6 meetings with students, staff, alumni, parents, potential parents (middle school), community members and neighbors, and other high school operators.
- ▶ The Urban League provided a detailed report which also helped to inform the type of operator 35 needs and what the future of excellence should look like for this school.

Time Line



- ▶ An RFP opened on November 16th, 2018
- ▶ Submissions on December 17th, 2018
- ▶ RFP review period
- ▶ Recommendation to Superintendent
- ▶ Board Action at Board Meeting on December 20th, 2018
- ▶ The Superintendent will also site a charter organization to the new 9th grade academy on Thursday's Board Meeting



Charter RFA

OPSB Spring 2019 Charter RFA Key Dates



January
2019

Full Application
Released

March
2019

Full Application
Submission
Deadline

May
2019

Superintendent
Recommendation